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A COMPLETE BOOK OF

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MODULATIONS IN EVERY KEY

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PREFACE.

THIS RAPID METHOD FOR THE BANJO, without notes or teachers' instructions, is complete, and the correct foundation for learning to play the modern Banjo to the highest degree of perfection.

The illustrated diagrams show the correct fingering of both hands, in holding down the strings on the frets with the fingers of the left hand and the pick or striking of the strings with the right hand. It illustrates all the chords in every key, major and minor, also modulations with right hand finger exercises in all keys.

Anyone can, with a few minutes' practice, play the correct accompaniment to any song or piece of music. A glance at the diagrams of the chords will show the simplicity of the work.

The melodies are arranged in such a manner that it is impossible to get confused, either in playing them with correct fingering and in correct time.

The instructions are all plain and to the point, with nothing mystifying or superfluous added to make a large book of it. Every page and exercise is important. Pupils will learn to play the Banjo and get a foundation for future studies from larger works, which is the aim of the author.

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PUBLISHERS' NOTE.

THE E. N. GUCKERT CHORD METHODS are the STANDARD RELIABLE METHODS, we have sold thousands of them for justs. On account of the great demand for these chord books, we were induced to publish Mr. Guckert's latest and best books, The Rapid Method Instructor and Chord Book Combined, which we publish in separate books for the Guitar, Mandolin and Banjo. All three of these books are on the same plan. One recommends the other. We guarantee them to give the purchaser full value for the price.

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RAPID METHOD FOR THE BANJO.

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Tune the 4th or bass string in unison to the tone of an A tuning fork or middle A on the piano or TO TUNE THE BANJO. organ. Then hold down the 4th string on the 7th fret (this will give the tone of E or 3d string); tune

3d string in unison. Then hold down the 3d string on 4th fret, tune 2d string in unison with this tone (G sharp). Then hold down 2d string at 3d fret and tune 1st string in unison with this tone (B). Then hold down 1st string on 5th fret and tune 5th short or thumb string in unison with this tone. This will give the open notes, namely, 4th string, A; 3d string, E; 2d string, G sharp; 1st string, B; 5th (short string), E.

Pick the 4th and 5th strings with the thumb of the right hand. Pick the 3d string with the first or index finger. Pick the 2d string with the second finger. Pick the 1st string with the third finger. Don't pick strings with finger nails; use the tips or ball of fingers.

NOTE.—There are several methods used in picking the banjo. Years ago the Southern Darkey used only the thumb and first finger This was improved later by using the thumb and first and second fingers. The modern, latest and best method is to use the thumb and first, second and third fingers, as explained above. By learning to play with the thumb and three fingers, the other fingering can be used, if convenient, at pleasure.

> Strings to be played

down on 1st

fret, which gives the

note of A.

down on 2d

fret, which

gives the note of C

sharp.

open. 2d string held ıst Fret.... 1st string held 2d Fret 3d Fret.... 4th Fret 5th String 5th Fret 6th Fret 7th Fret 8th Fret oth Fret toth Fret 2 Thumb Thumb Trebie Strings. Pick with fingers of Octave Pass String the right hand. String

Explanation of the Fingerboard Diagrams.

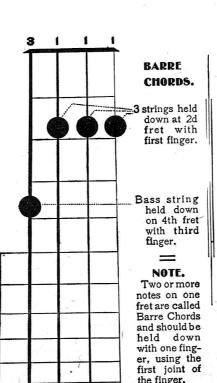
These Diagrams are pictures of the fingerboard of the Banjo, showing the position of the fingers of the left hand in holding down the strings on the frets.

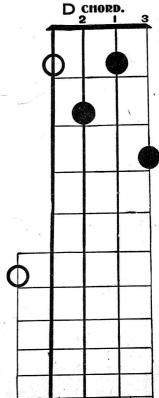
The four perpendicular lines represent the four long strings. The short perpendicular line represents the short 5th or thumb string.

The parallel lines represent the frets below the peg head or nutt on the fingerboard.

show the correct positions of the fingers of The Black Dots the left hand to be used in holding down the strings on the frets.

represent the strings to be played open. The Open Dots (





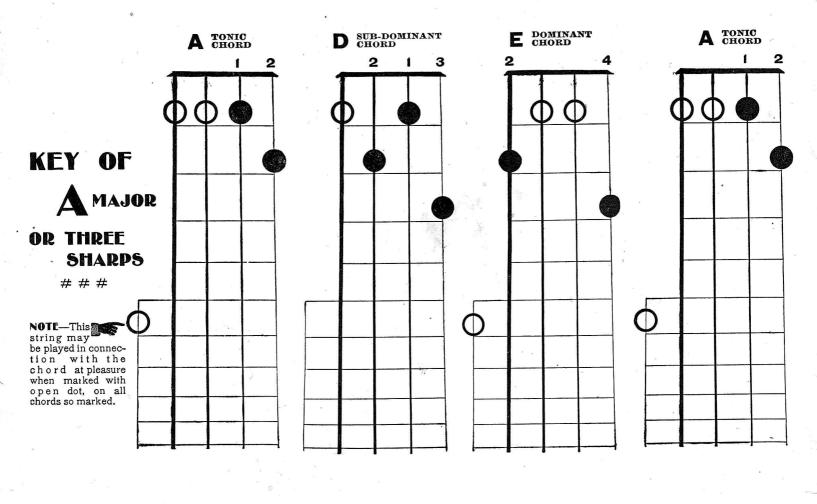
These figures denote the fingers of the left hand to be used in holding down the strings on the frets, as illustrated in this chord— the 3d string is held down on 2d fret with secondfinger, the 2d string on 1stfretwith first finger. the 1st string on 3d fret with third finger.

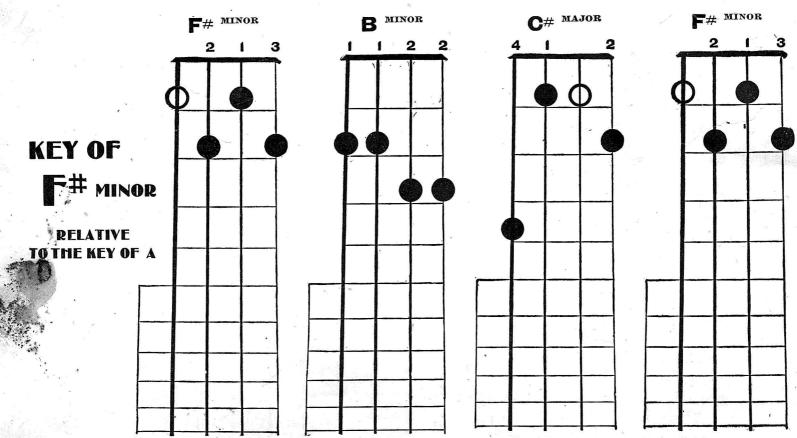
The bass and 5th string to p!ayed



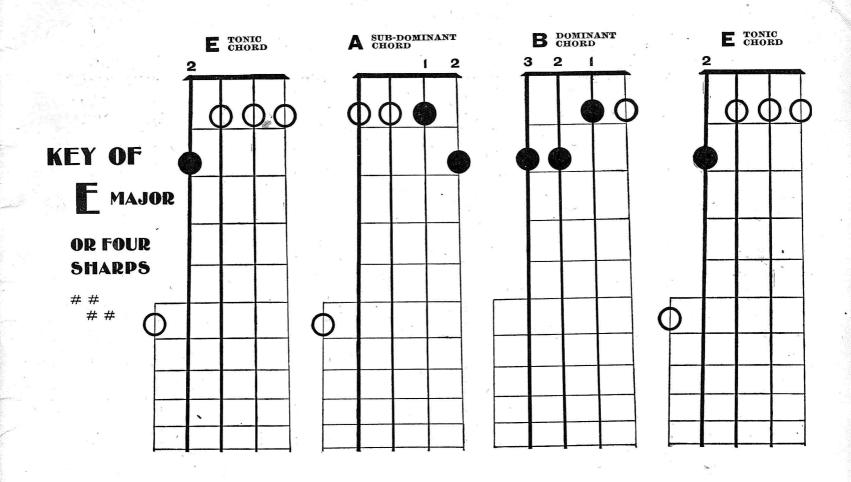
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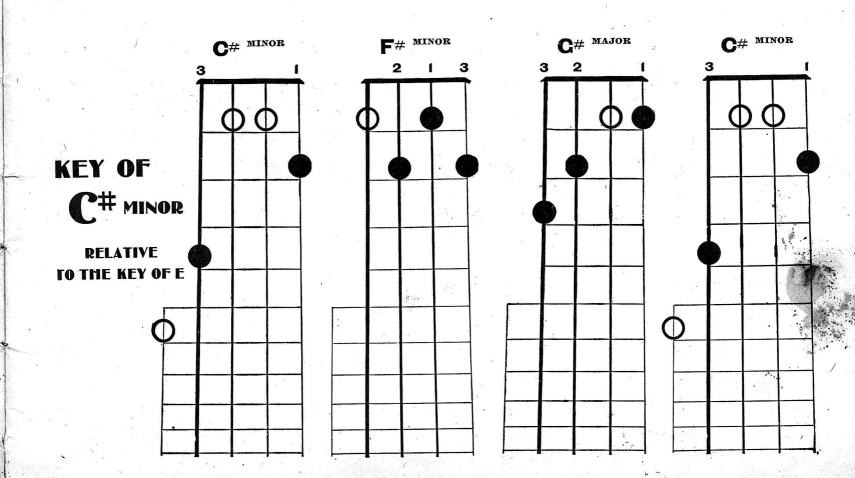
NOTE.—THE MARKS THUS # DENOTE SHARPS
THE MARKS THUS b DENOTE FLATS



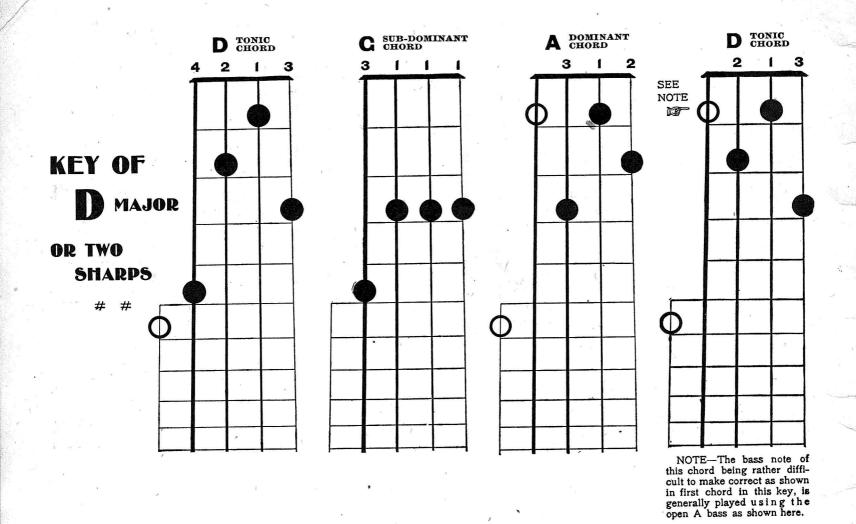


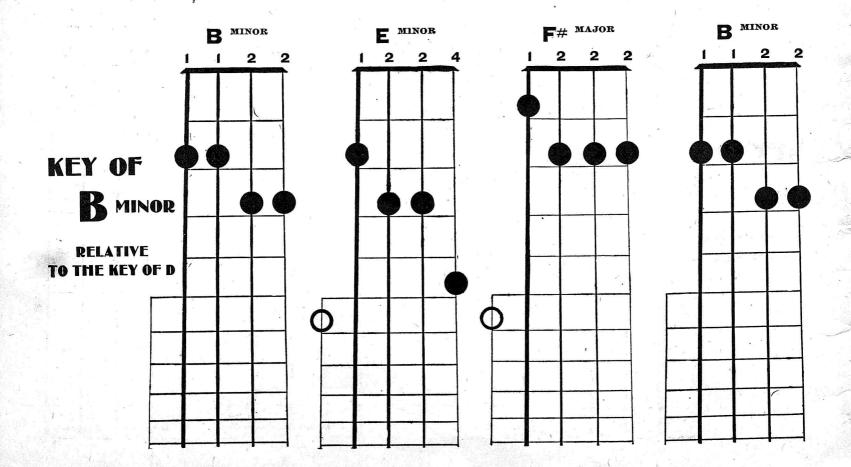
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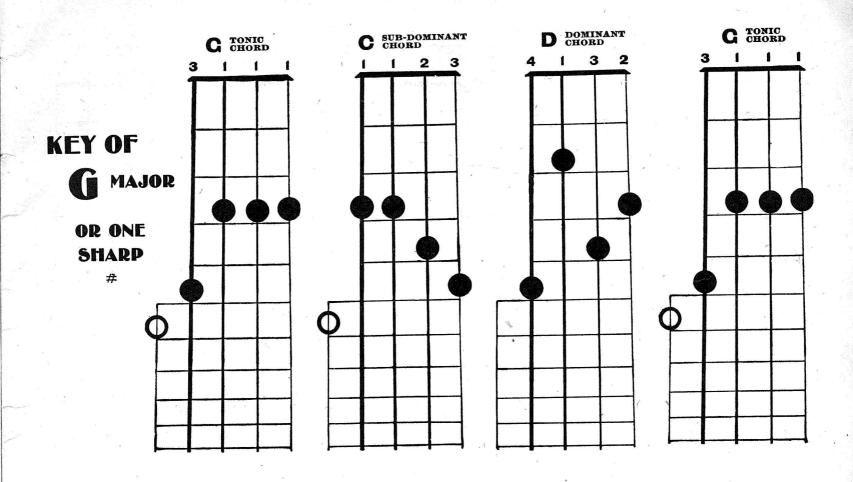


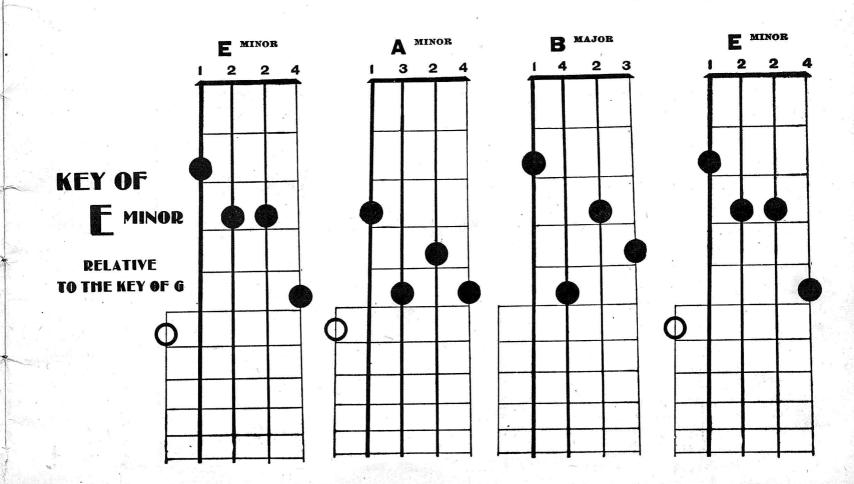
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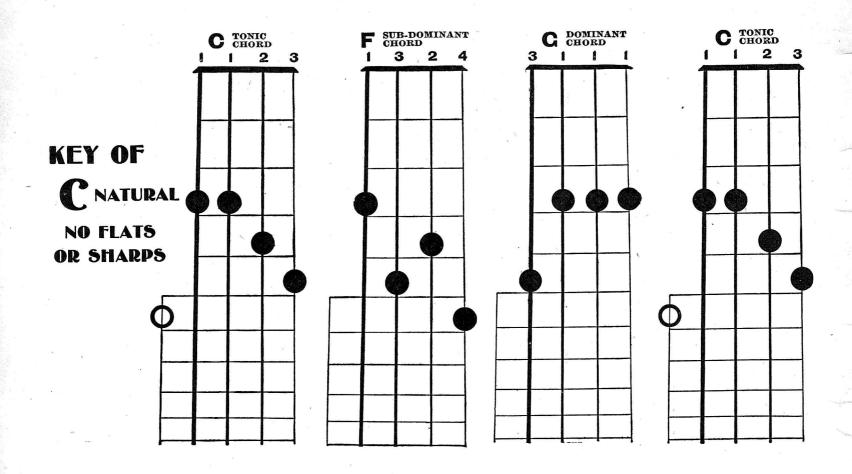


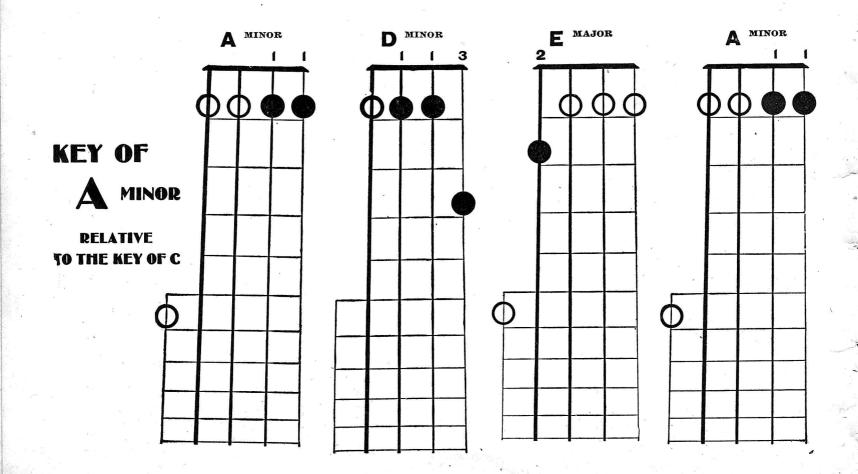
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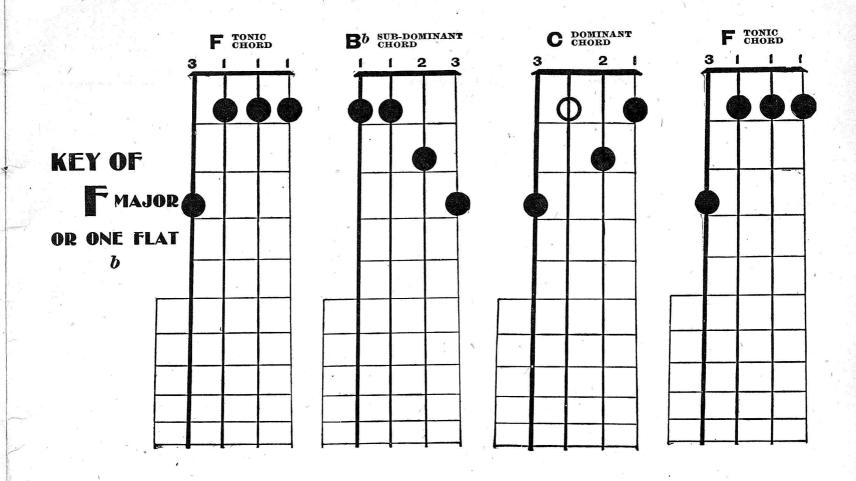


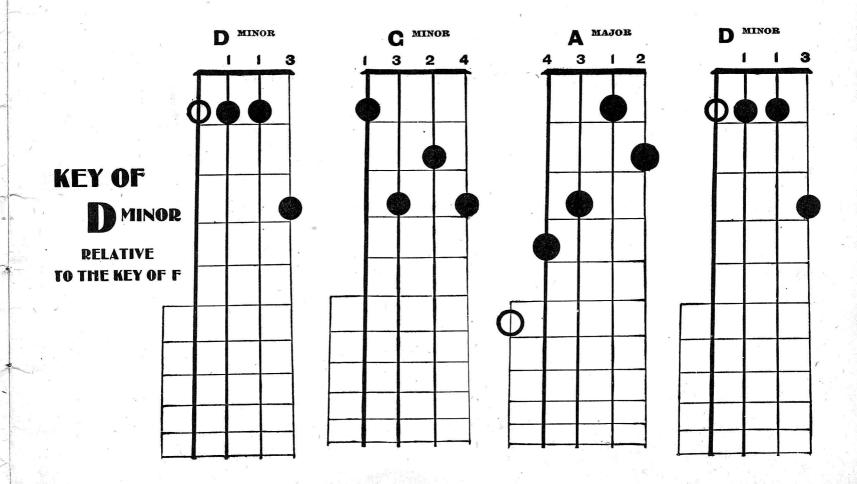
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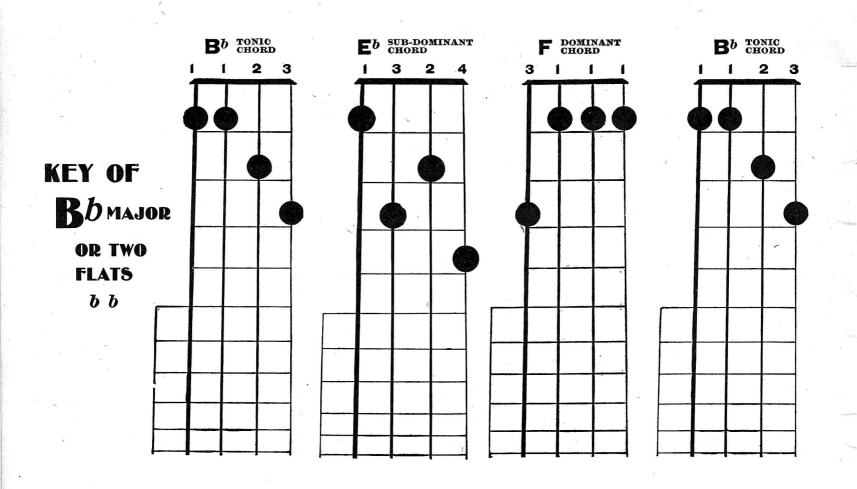


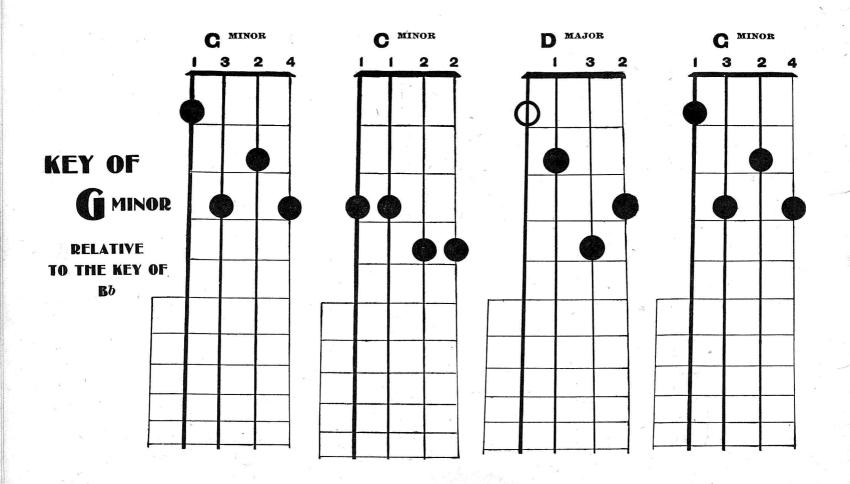
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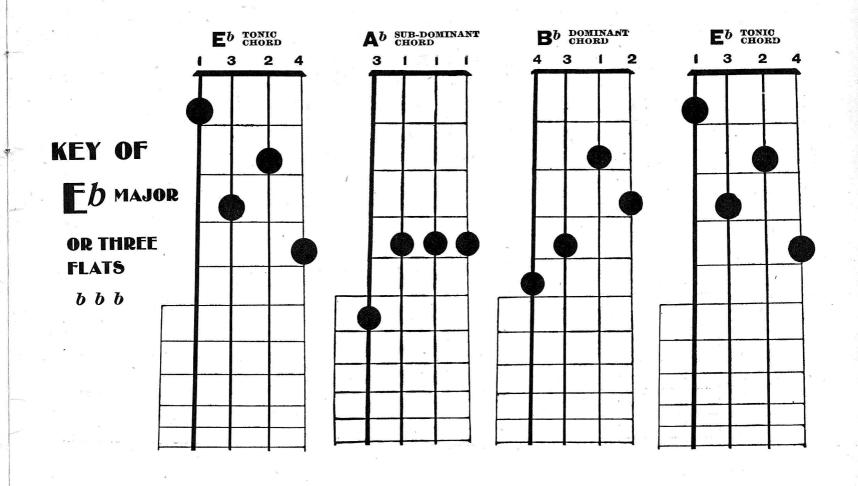


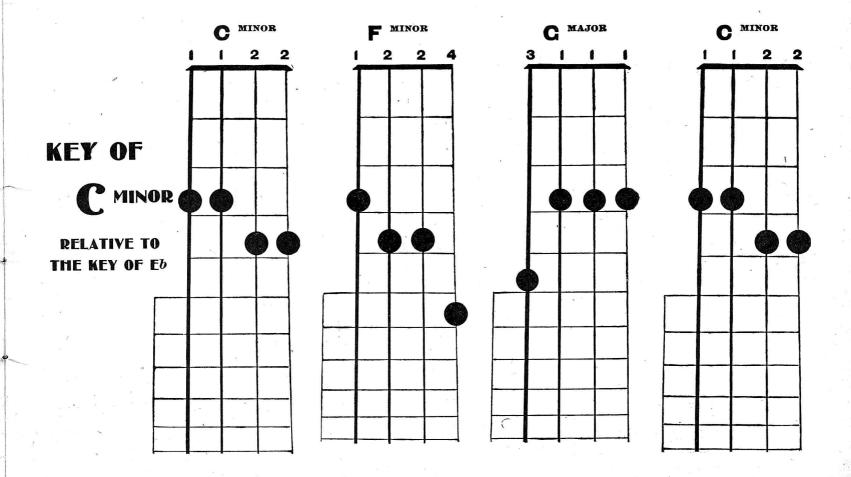
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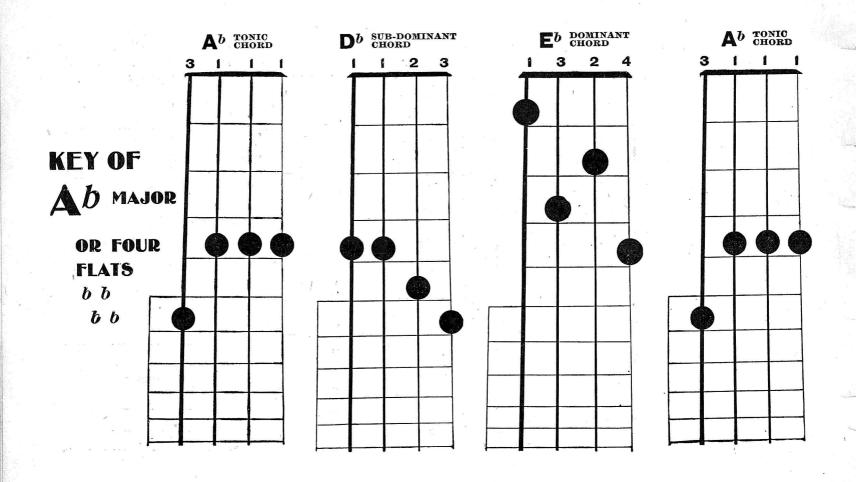


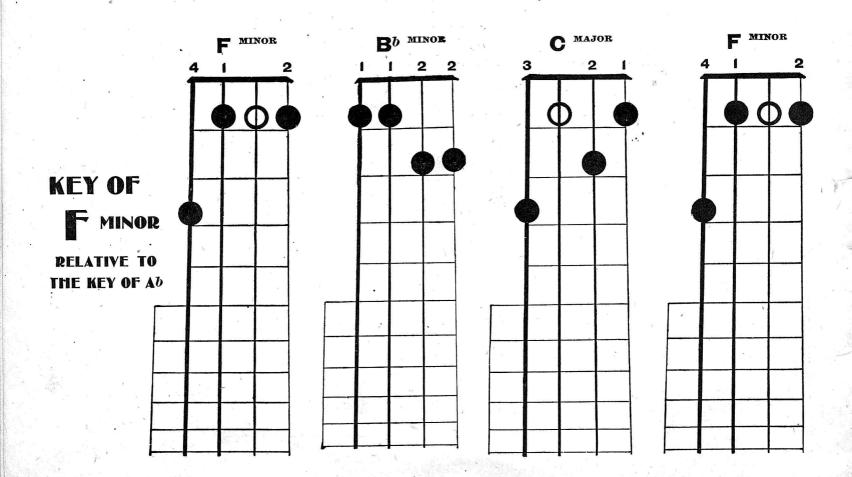
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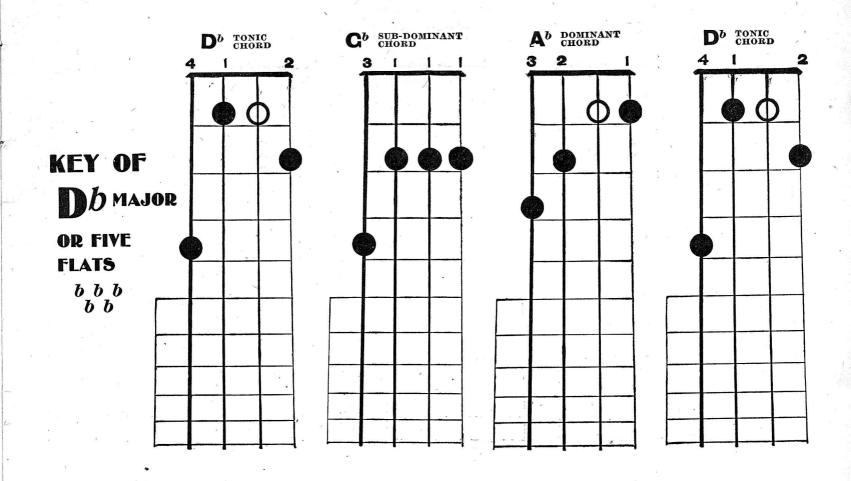


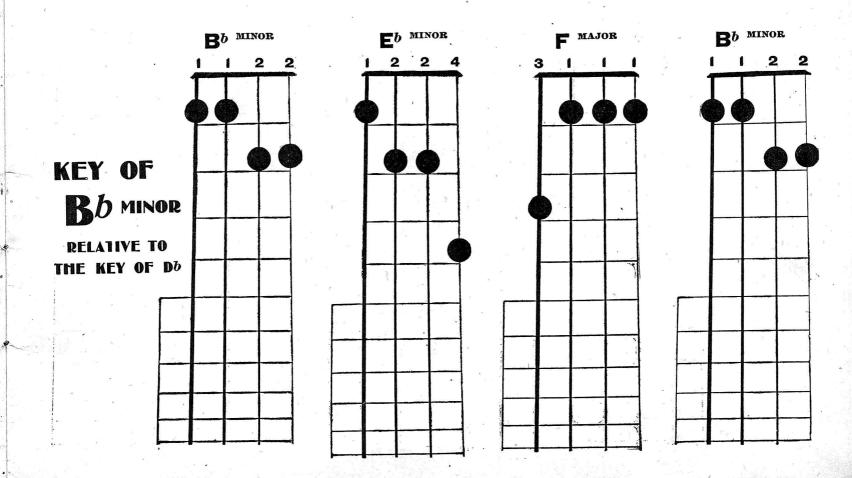
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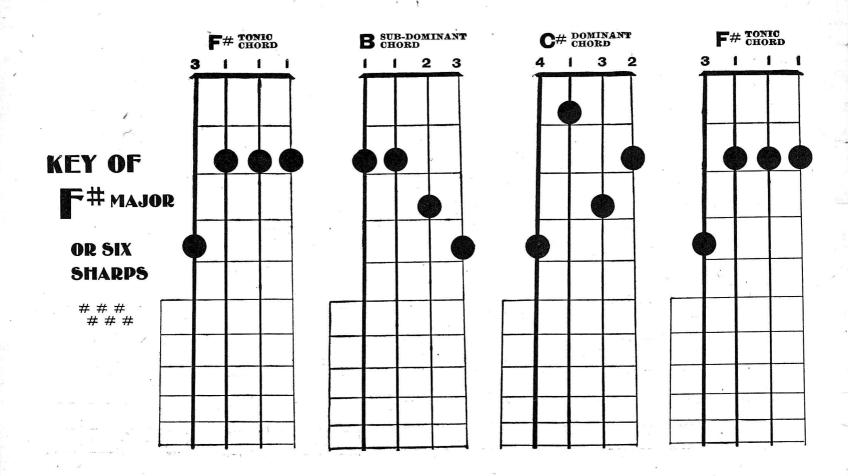


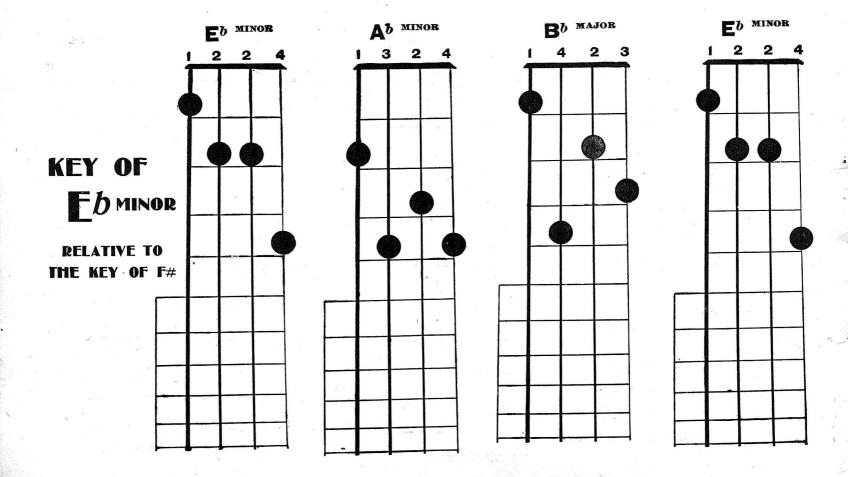
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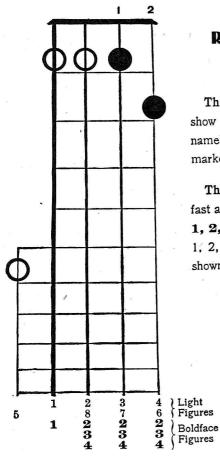
KEY OF F#MAJOR AND RELATIVE MINOR, Eb MINOR





MODULATIONS IN ALL KEYS

WITH RIGHT HAND FINGER EXERCISES



EXPLANATION OF RIGHT HAND FINGERING

The Figures at the Bottom of the diagrams show strings to be picked in rotation from 1 up—namely, first pick string marked 1, then string marked 2, etc., etc.

The Light Figures are to be played twice as fast as the bold figures—namely, play bold figures

1, 2, 3, 4, one to each count. Play light figures

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, two to each count as shown by



When more than one figure is marked 1, 1, 1, 1 or 2, 2, 2 or 3, 3, play the strings so marked together same as if it was marked only to play one string.

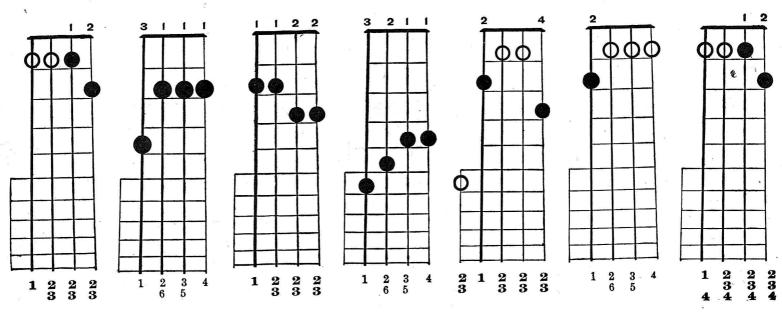
MODULATIONS

The Simplest Explanation of Modulations is that they consist of a mixture of different chords that will harmonize. The following illustrations show the most important modulations in each key; also show right hand finger exercises.

In Practicing these Exercises, it would be advisable to first play the modulations in same manner as the chords shown in first part of book, namely, strike the bass string, then the treble strings together, either 2, 3 or 4 counts to the chord, in this way getting acquainted with the different chords in the modulation.

Any of the right hand fingering illustrated, can be used in playing in any key or modulation.

EXAMPLE SHOWING MODULATION KEY OF A

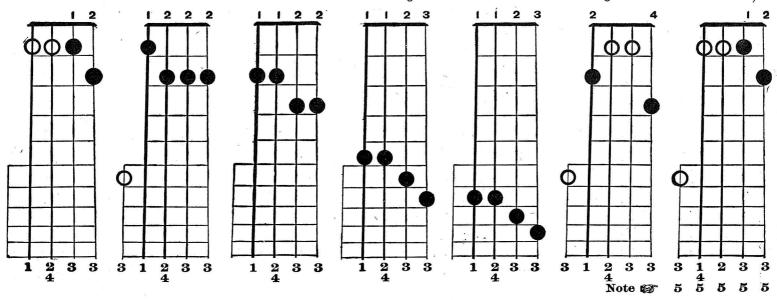


MODULATIONS KEY OF A

1st MODULATION

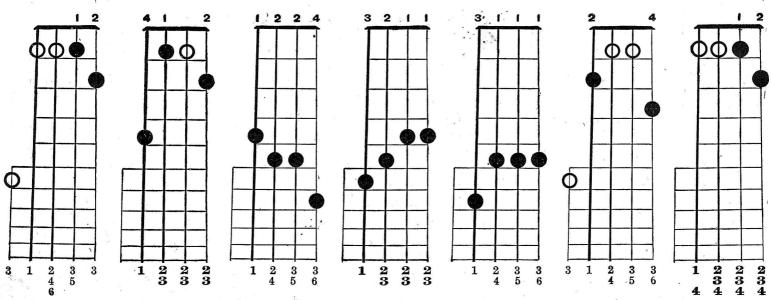
Count 1, 2, 3, 4 to Each Chord.

(The last chord in all modulations shown are to be counted double by striking the extra counts marked and resting the balance of the counts)



2d MODULATION

Count 1, 2, 3 to Each Chord.

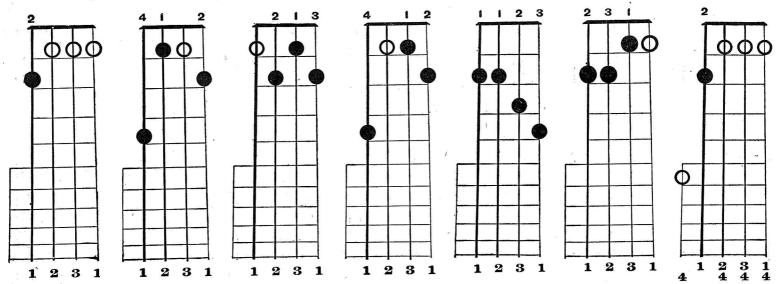


NOTE.—Where all five strings are marked to be played in one count, strike all five strings either by striking the thumb across all the strings, or striking the fifth and fourth strings across with thumb and picking the three treble strings together with first, second and third fingers at the same time.

MODULATIONS KEY OF E

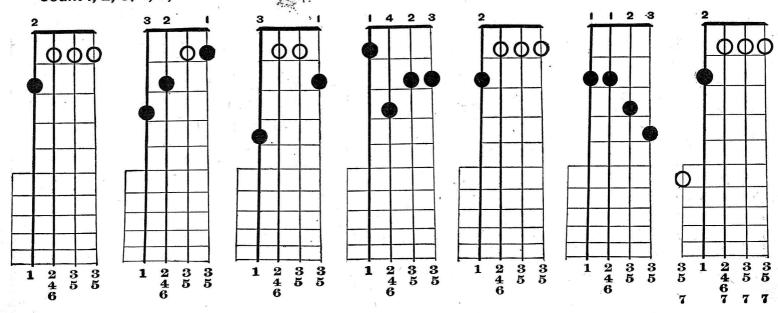
1st MODULATION

Count 1, 2, 3 to Each Chord.



2d MODULATION

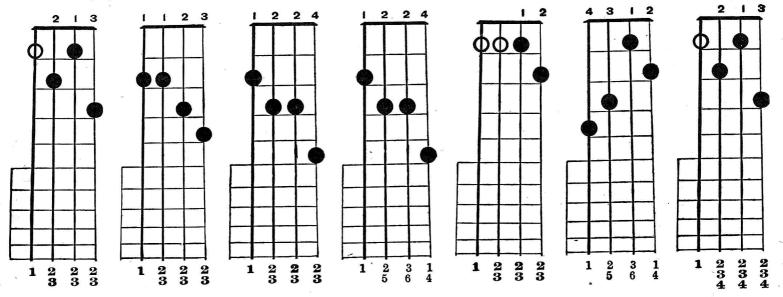
Count 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 to Each Chord.



MODULATIONS KEY OF D

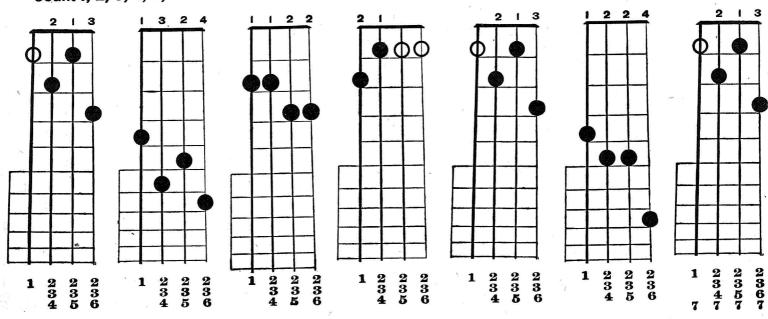
1st MODULATION

Count 1, 2, 3 to Each Chord.



2d MODULATION

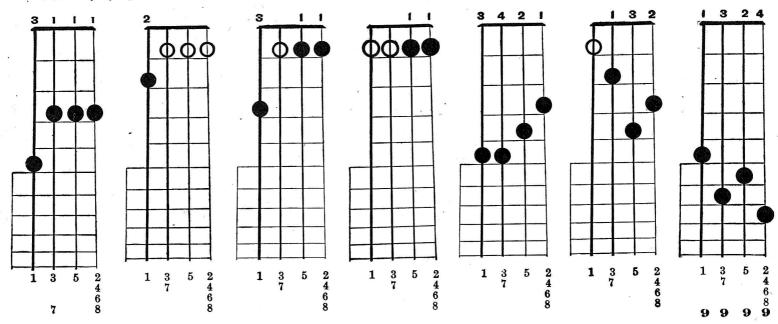
Count 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 to Each Chord.



MODULATIONS KEY OF G

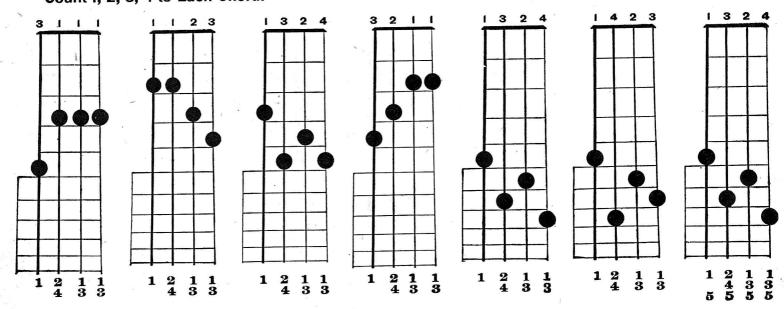
1st MODULATION

Count 1, 2, 3, 4 to Each Chord.



2d MODULATION

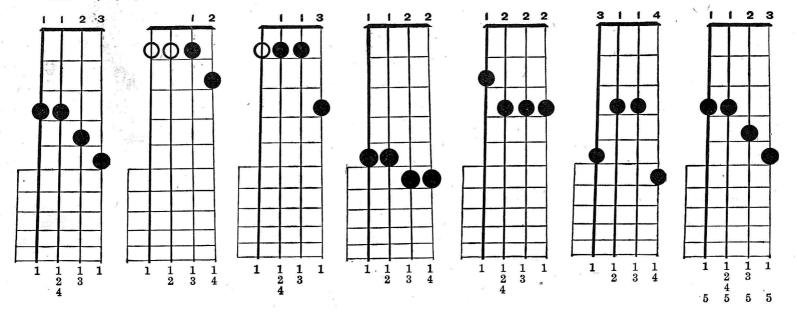
Count 1, 2, 3, 4 to Each Chord.



MODULATIONS KEY OF C

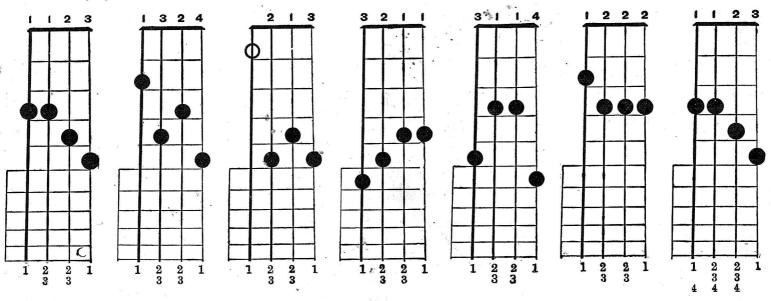
1st MODULATION

Count 1, 2, 3, 4 to Each Chord.



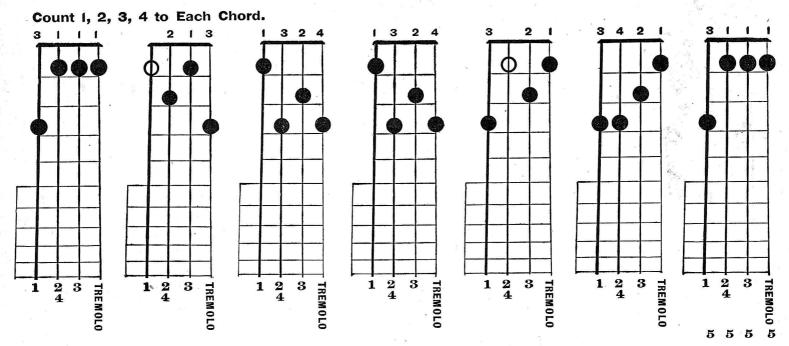
2d MODULATION

Count 1, 2, 3 to Each Chord.



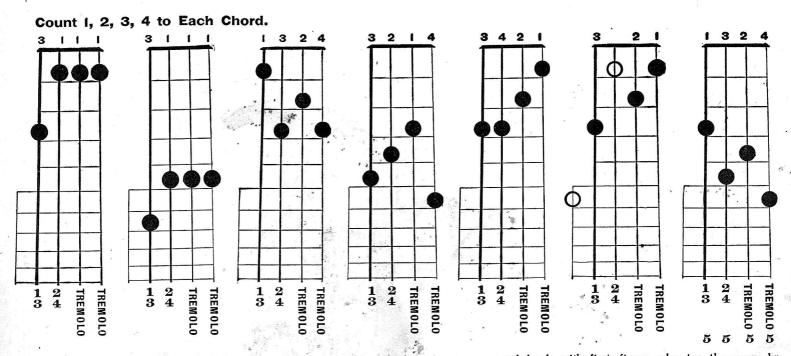
MODULATIONS KEY OF F

1st MODULATION



NOTE.—Tremolo the 1st string with first finger, striking the string across and back, either 4, 6, or 8 times in even time—at the same time strike the strings marked 1, 2, 3, 4 with the thumb, slowly, without breaking the time of the tremolo.

2d MODULATION

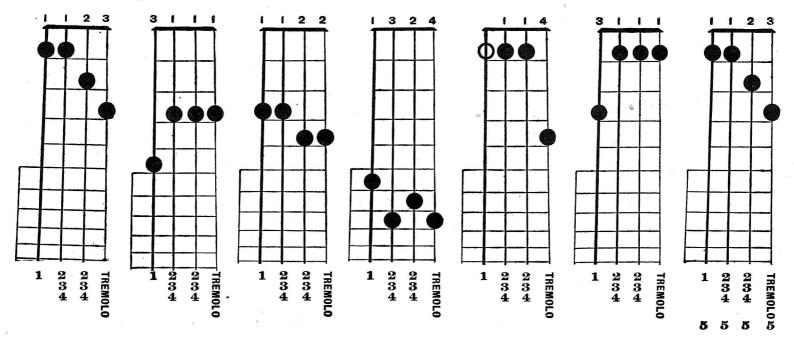


NOTE.—Tremolo 1st and 2nd strings together, striking both strings across and back with first finger, also try the same by making tremolo using first and second finger.

MODULATIONS KEY OF Bb

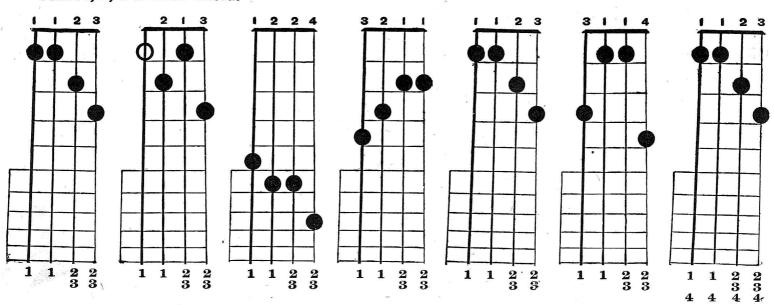
1st MODULATION

Count 1, 2, 3, 4 to Each Chord.



2d MODULATION

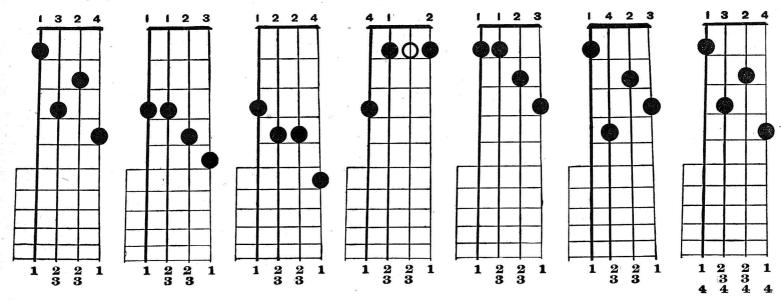
Count 1, 2, 3 to Each Chord.



MODULATIONS KEY OF Eb

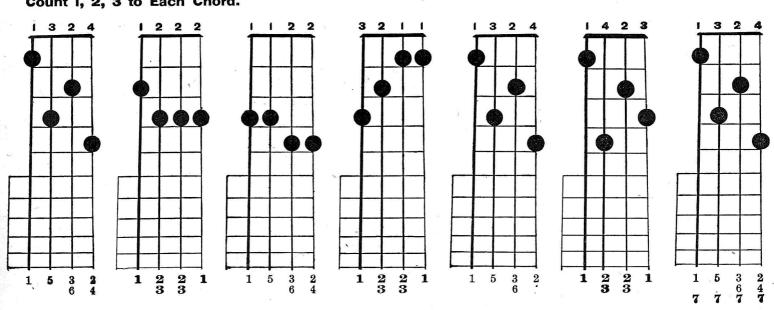
1st MODULATION

Count 1, 2, 3 to Each Chord.



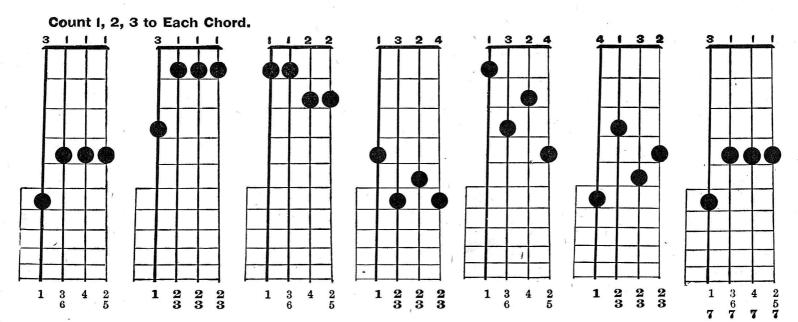
2d MODULATION

Count 1, 2, 3 to Each Chord.



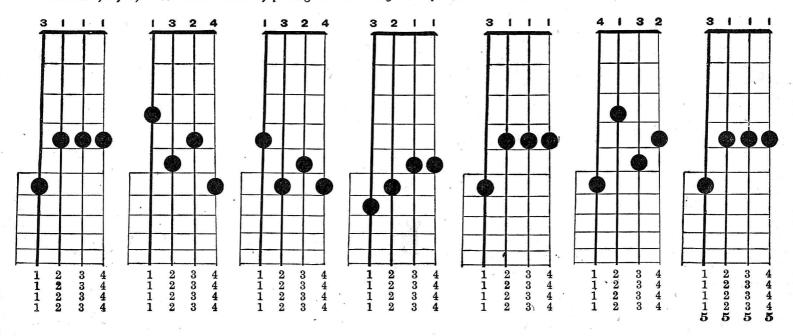
MODULATIONS KEY OF Ab

1st MODULATION



2d MODULATION

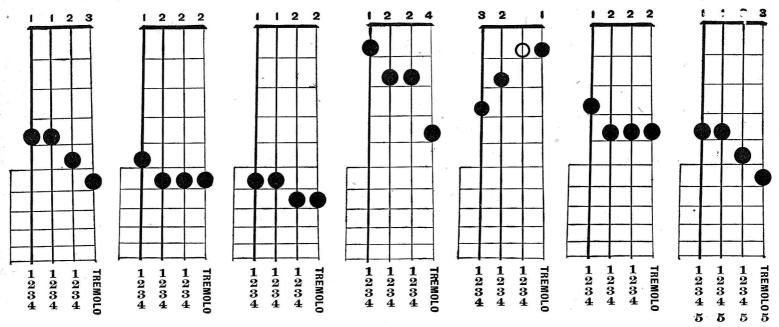
Count 1, 2, 3, 4 to Each Chord, picking all four strings in rapid succession for each count.



MODULATIONS KEY OF Db

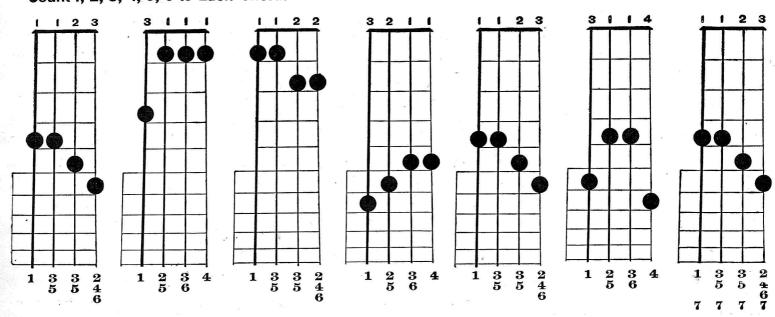
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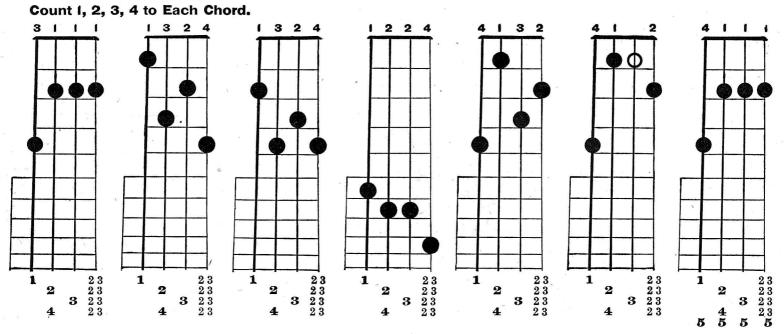
2d MODULATION

Count 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 to Each Chord.



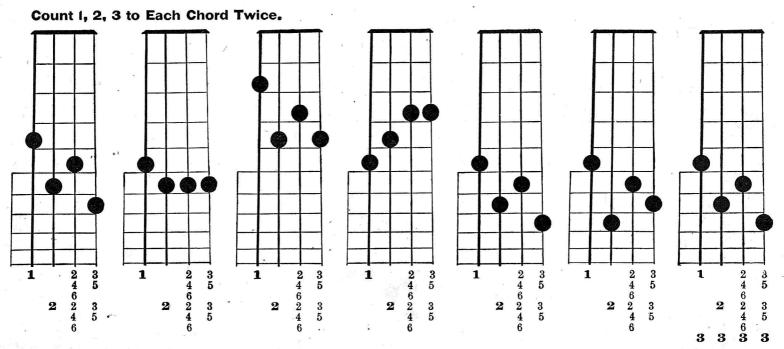
MODULATIONS KEY OF F#

1st MODULATION



NOTE.—Strike bass, the 1st string, twice in rapid succession with first and second finger. (This is called two-finger Tremolo.)

2d MODULATION

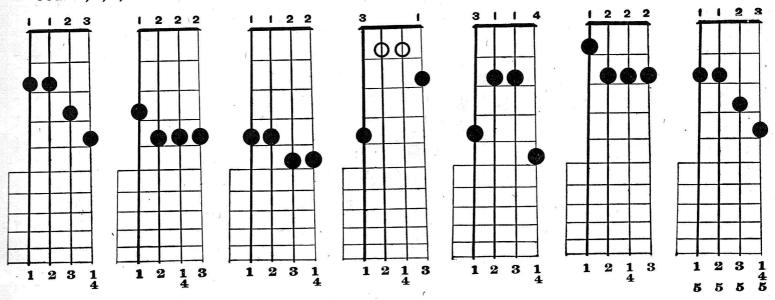


NOTE.—Strike bass for one count, then 1st and 2d strings in rapid succession for the other two counts, then strike 3rd string for one count and 1st and 2d strings for the other two counts.

MODULATIONS KEY OF B

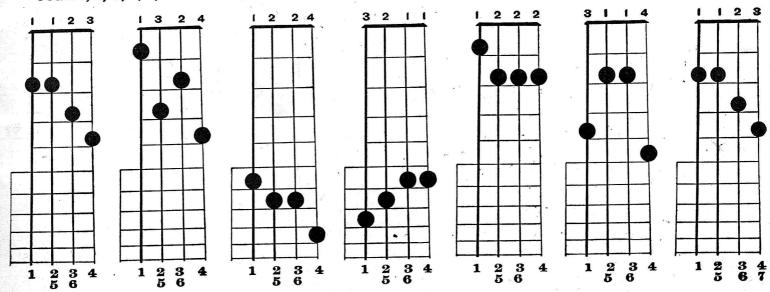
1st MODULATION

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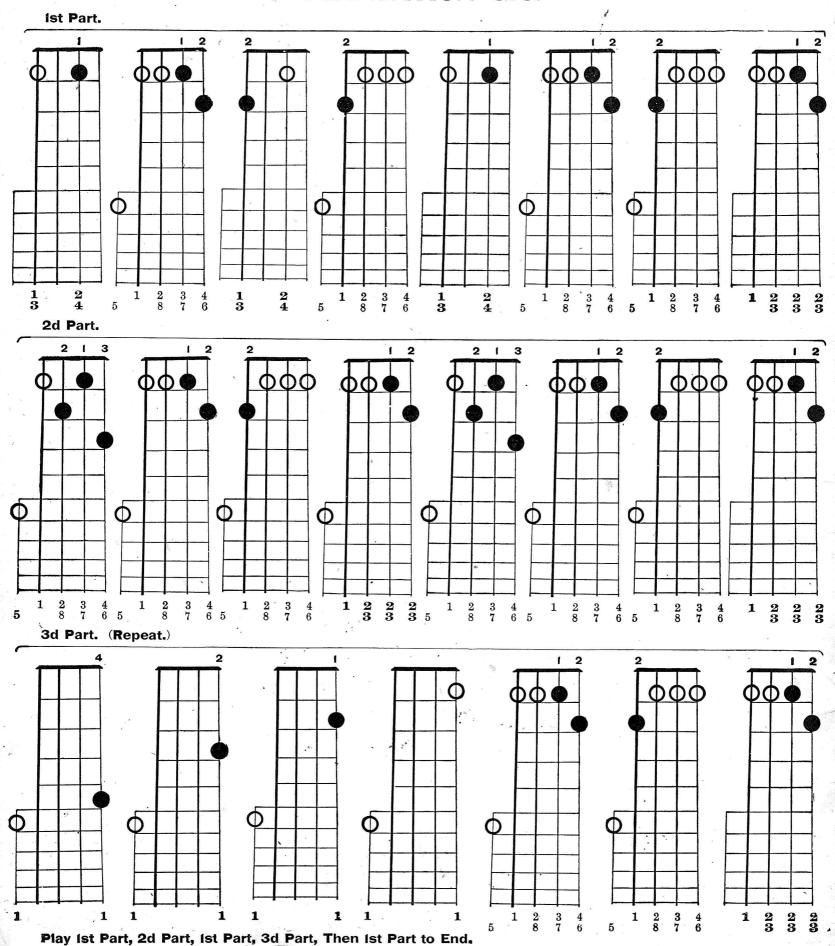


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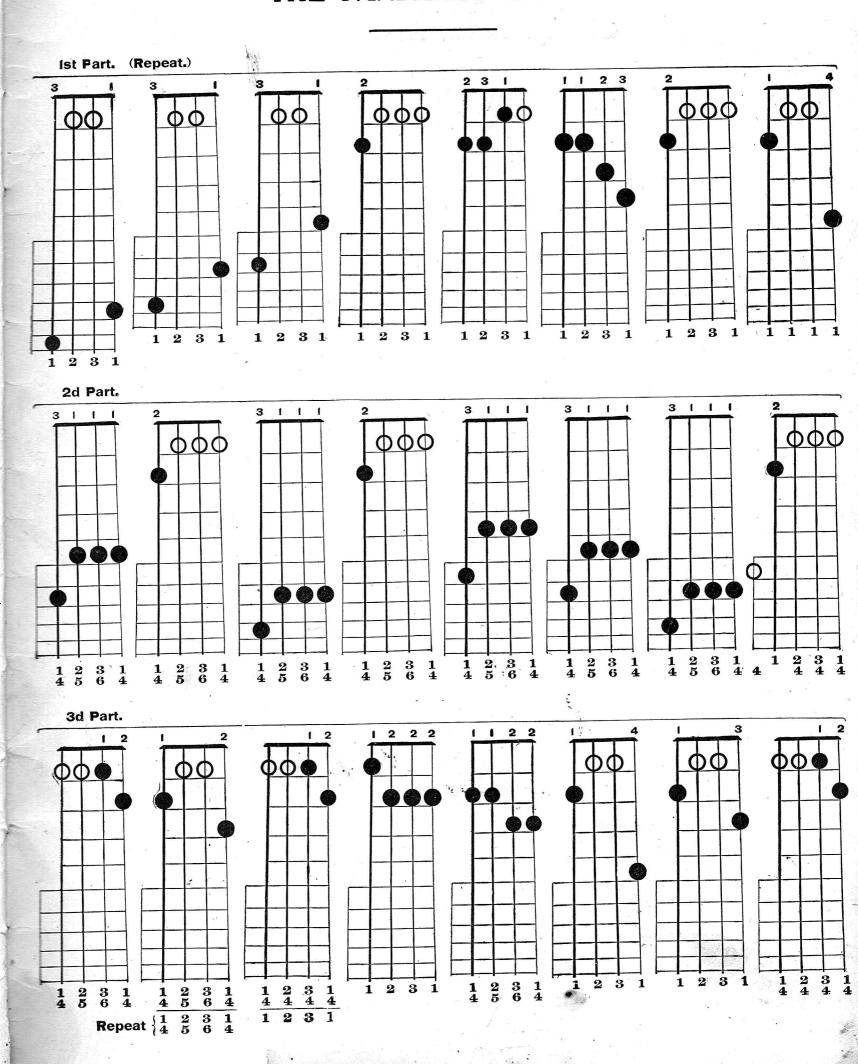
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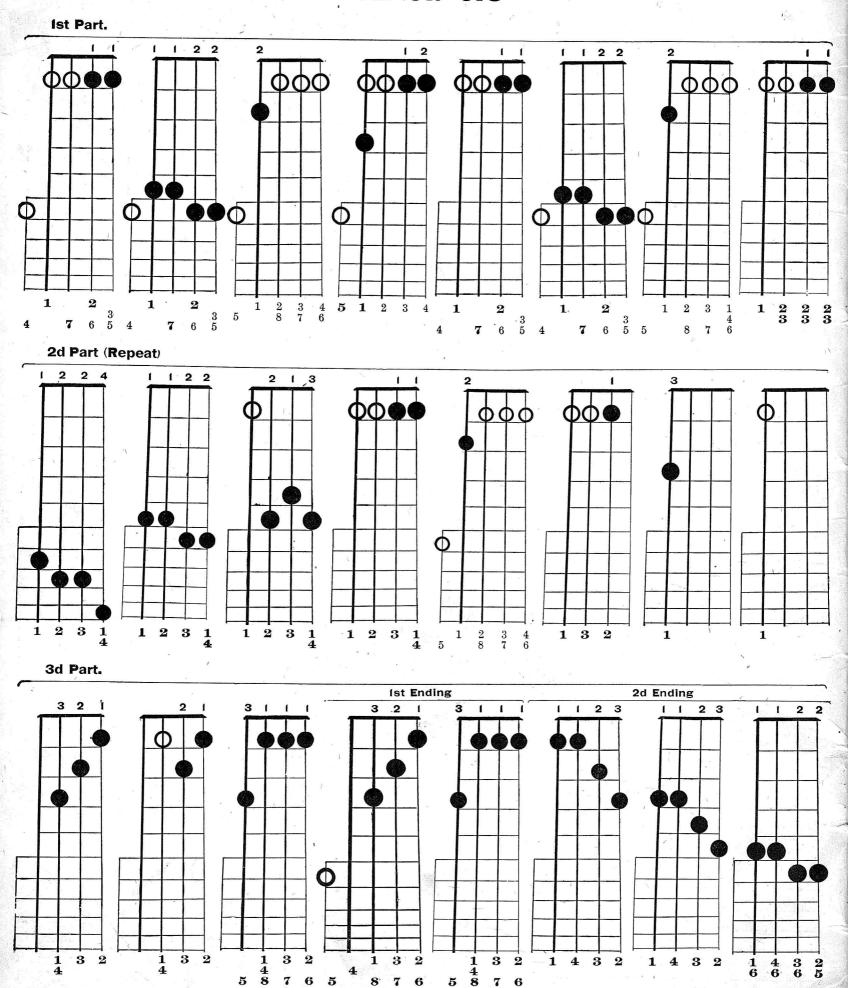


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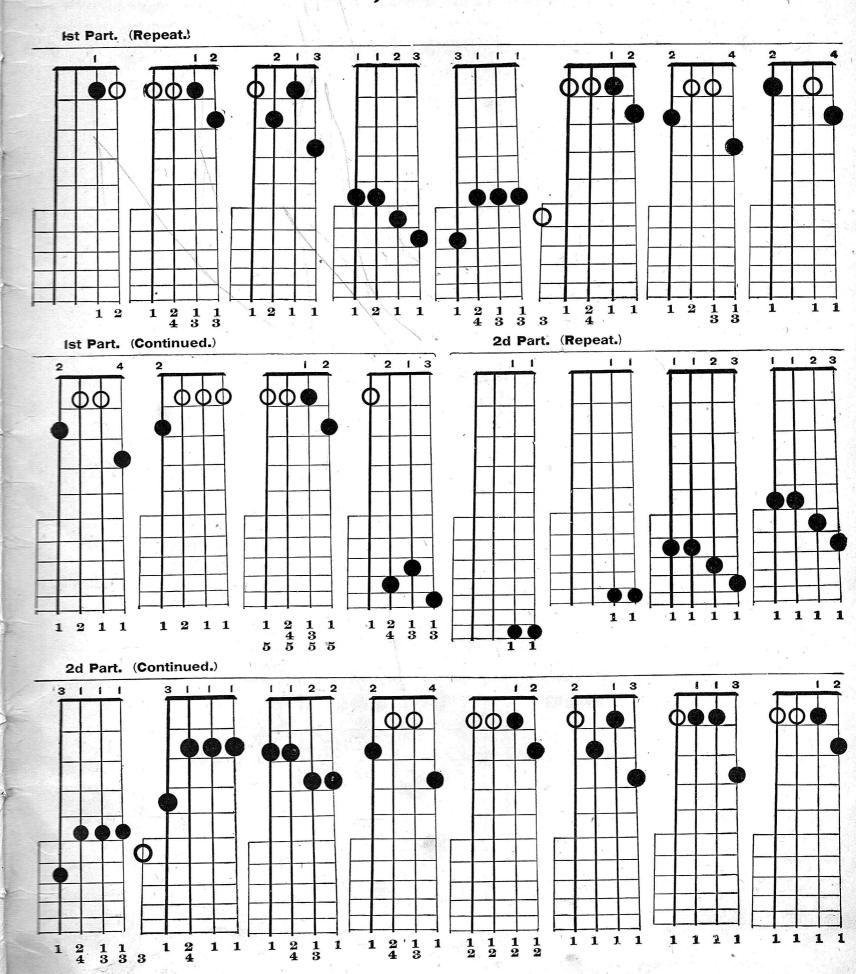


Play 1st Part, 2d Part and Repeat, 1st Part, 3d Part, 1st Part, 2d Part to End. Play 3d Part, 1st Ending at 5th Chord, 2d Ending is made by Repeating 1, 2, 3 Chord, then 6, 7, 8th Chord.

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